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The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Representative Turner in the chair.

Prayer by Pastor Robert Freeman, who is with Kumler United Methodist Church in Springfield, Illinois.

Representative Gabel led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

By direction of the Speaker, a roll call was taken to ascertain the attendance of Members, as follows:

113 present. (ROLL CALL 1)

By unanimous consent, Representative Welch was excused from attendance.

### **REQUEST TO BE SHOWN ON QUORUM**

Having been absent when the Quorum Roll Call for Attendance was taken, this is to advise you that I, Representative McAuliffe, should be recorded as present at the hour of 12:28 o'clock p.m.

Having been absent when the Quorum Roll Call for Attendance was taken, this is to advise you that I, Representative Morrison, should be recorded as present at the hour of 12:39 o'clock p.m.

### **LETTERS OF TRANSMITTAL**

February 18, 2014

Timothy D. Mapes  
Clerk of the House  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
300 Capitol Building  
Springfield, Illinois 62706

Dear Mr. Clerk:

The following change to a 98<sup>th</sup> General Assembly House Committee is effective immediately.

#### **Human Services**

Representative Robert Martwick is appointed (fills vacancy).

With kindest personal regards, I remain

Sincerely yours,  
s/ Michael J. Madigan  
Speaker of the House

February 18, 2014

Mr. Tim Mapes  
Clerk of the House  
300 State House  
Springfield, Illinois 62706

Dear Mr. Clerk:

Please be advised of the following change to the 98<sup>th</sup> General Assembly Economic Development Committee effective immediately.

- **Economic Development Committee**  
Representative Jill Tracy is appointed to this committee, replacing Representative Dwight Kay.

Thank you for your attention regarding this matter.

Sincerely,  
s/ Jim Durkin  
House Republican Leader

February 18, 2014

Mr. Tim Mapes  
Clerk of the House  
300 State House  
Springfield, Illinois 62706

Dear Mr. Clerk:

Please be advised of the following change to the 98<sup>th</sup> General Assembly Human Services Appropriations Committee effective immediately.

- **Human Services Appropriations Committee**  
Representative Dwight Kay is appointed to this committee, replacing Representative Jill Tracy.

Thank you for your attention regarding this matter.

Sincerely,  
s/ Jim Durkin  
House Republican Leader

#### **TEMPORARY COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS FOR COMMITTEES NOT REPORTING**

Representative Nekritz replaced Representative Yingling in the Committee on State Government Administration on February 18, 2014.

#### **REPORT FROM THE COMMITTEE ON RULES**

Representative Currie, Chairperson, from the Committee on Rules to which the following were referred, action taken on February 18, 2014, reported the same back with the following recommendations:

#### **LEGISLATIVE MEASURES APPROVED FOR FLOOR CONSIDERATION:**

That the bill be reported “approved for consideration” and be placed on the order of Second Reading--  
Short Debate: HOUSE BILL 2880.

That the bill be reported “approved for consideration” and be placed on the order of Third Reading--  
Short Debate: HOUSE BILL 1459.

#### **LEGISLATIVE MEASURES ASSIGNED TO COMMITTEE:**

Agriculture & Conservation: HOUSE BILLS 4226 and 4502.  
Appropriations-Public Safety: HOUSE BILL 4264.

Business & Occupational Licenses: HOUSE BILL 4640.  
Cities & Villages: HOUSE BILL 4530.  
Counties & Townships: HOUSE BILL 5311.  
Elementary & Secondary Education: HOUSE BILLS 1152, 3754, 4237, 4440, 4522, 4527, 4558, 4767 and 4775; HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 59.  
Environment: HOUSE BILLS 4382, 4465 and 4606.  
Executive: HOUSE BILLS 2808 and 4716; HOUSE AMENDMENT No. 2 to HOUSE BILL 5017.  
Health Care Availability and Accessibility: HOUSE BILL 3781.  
Health Care Licenses: HOUSE BILL 4593.  
Higher Education: HOUSE BILL 4257; HOUSE RESOLUTION 790.  
Human Services: HOUSE BILLS 4403 and 4489.  
Judiciary: HOUSE BILLS 3224, 3782, 4266, 4405, 4417, 4464, 4538, 4653, 4654, 4712 and 5278; HOUSE AMENDMENT No. 1 to HOUSE BILL 4235.  
Personnel and Pensions: HOUSE BILL 4744.  
Public Utilities: HOUSE BILL 4588.  
Revenue & Finance: HOUSE BILLS 79, 82, 4419, 4540, 4595, 4641, 4659, 4660 and 4692; HOUSE AMENDMENT No. 1 to HOUSE BILL 3676.  
State Government Administration: HOUSE BILLS 4488, 4531 and 4713; HOUSE AMENDMENT No. 1 to HOUSE BILL 4268.  
Transportation: Regulation, Roads & Bridges: SENATE JOINT RESOLUTIONS 23 and 24.  
Transportation: Vehicles & Safety: HOUSE BILLS 4529, 4586, 4632, 4645 and 4743.  
Public Safety: Police & Fire: HOUSE BILLS 4418 and 4741.  
Restorative Justice: HOUSE BILLS 3668 and 4649.  
Tourism & Conventions: HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 56.  
Veterans' Affairs: SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 3.

The committee roll call vote on the foregoing Legislative Measures is as follows:  
5, Yeas; 0, Nays; 0, Answering Present.

Y Currie(D), Chairperson  
Y Lang(D)  
Y Mautino(D)

Y Sullivan(R), Republican Spokesperson  
Y Leitch(R)

### **MOTIONS SUBMITTED**

Representative Manley submitted the following written motion, which was placed on the order of Motions in Writing:

#### **MOTION**

Pursuant to Rule 60(b), I move to table HOUSE BILL 5965.

### **CHANGE OF SPONSORSHIP**

With the consent of the affected members, Representative Sacia was removed as principal sponsor, and Representative Stewart became the new principal sponsor of HOUSE BILL 2888.

With the consent of the affected members, Representative Lang was removed as principal sponsor, and Representative Jakobsson became the new principal sponsor of HOUSE BILL 1105.

### **AGREED RESOLUTIONS**

The following resolutions were offered and placed on the Calendar on the order of Agreed Resolutions.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 815

Offered by Representative Bellock:  
Congratulates Tony La Russa on his induction into the National Baseball Hall of Fame.

#### HOUSE RESOLUTION 817

Offered by Representative Ford:  
Recognizes Black History Month and brings attention to the continued issues within the African American community.

#### HOUSE RESOLUTION 818

Offered by Representative Mayfield:  
Mourns the death of Harvey B. Ricks.

#### HOUSE RESOLUTION 819

Offered by Representative Brady:  
Mourns the death of W. Russell Withers, Jr. of Mt. Vernon.

#### HOUSE RESOLUTION 820

Offered by Representative Dunkin:  
Mourns the death of Latonia Dunkin.

#### HOUSE RESOLUTION 821

Offered by Representative Halbrook:  
Mourns the death of Lance Corporal James Luther Baud.

#### HOUSE RESOLUTION 822

Offered by Representative Senger:  
Congratulates Fry Elementary School fifth grade student Katherin Smirnov on winning first place in the National InvestWrite essay contest.

#### HOUSE RESOLUTION 827

Offered by Representative Cross:  
Congratulates Oswego Police Chief Dwight Baird for receiving the 2014 Police Chief of the Year Award from the Illinois State Crime Commission Board and commends him for his dedication and selfless commitment to law enforcement and the residents of the Village of Oswego and the professionalism he instills upon his staff.

#### HOUSE RESOLUTION 828

Offered by Representative Osmond:  
Mourns the death of Pamela M. Badame of Lake Villa.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 829

Offered by Representative Davidsmeyer:  
Congratulates the Illinois School for the Deaf in Jacksonville on the occasion of the 175th anniversary of the school's founding.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 830

Offered by Representative Jefferson:  
Recognizes the contributions made by the late State Representative Wyvetter H. Younge as part of the Black History Month celebration.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 831

Offered by Representative Jones:  
Mourns the death of Earlie Mae Gray.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 833

Offered by Representative Davidsmeyer:  
Congratulates the Illinois School for the Deaf in Jacksonville on the occasion of the 175th anniversary of the school's founding.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 834

Offered by Representative Sandack:  
Congratulates Jeff Grant of North High School in Downers Grove on being awarded the 2014 PASCO STEM Educator Award from the National Science Teachers Association.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 835

Offered by Representative Sandack:  
Congratulates Pat Brown, physical education teacher at Lester Elementary School in Downers Grove, on receiving the National PTA Life Achievement Award.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 836

Offered by Representative Osmond:  
Mourns the death of Viola B. Mattson of Antioch.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 837

Offered by Representative Schmitz:  
Congratulates John H. Wredling on his 100th birthday.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 838

Offered by Representative Reboletti:

Congratulates the Otis Wilson Charitable Association for its service to the community and wishes the Association success in its upcoming event.

#### HOUSE RESOLUTION 839

Offered by Representative Reboletti:  
Mourns the death of John W. Rogers, Sr. of Chicago.

#### HOUSE RESOLUTION 840

Offered by Representative Gordon-Booth:  
Mourns the death of Deveraux Rogest Hubbard II of Peoria.

#### SUSPEND POSTING REQUIREMENTS

Pursuant to Rule 25, Representative Riley moved to suspend the posting requirements of Rule 21 in relation to House Resolution 790.

The motion prevailed.

#### ADJOURNMENT RESOLUTION HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 79

Representative Currie offered the following resolution:

**RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN**, that when the two Houses adjourn on Thursday, February 20, 2014, the House of Representatives stands adjourned until Tuesday, February 25, 2014 at 12:00 o'clock noon, or until the call of the Speaker; and the Senate stands adjourned until Tuesday, February 25, 2014, or until the call of the President.

Representative Currie moved the adoption of the resolution.  
The motion prevailed and the resolution was adopted.  
Ordered that the Clerk inform the Senate and ask their concurrence.

#### AGREED RESOLUTIONS

HOUSE RESOLUTIONS 815, 817, 818, 819, 820, 821, 822, 827, 828, 829, 830, 831, 833, 834, 835, 836, 837, 838, 839 and 840 were taken up for consideration.

Representative Currie moved the adoption of the agreed resolutions.  
The motion prevailed and the agreed resolutions were adopted.

#### RECALL

At the request of the principal sponsor, Representative Kelly Burke, HOUSE BILL 1243 was recalled from the order of Third Reading to the order of Second Reading and held on that order.

At the hour of 12:29 o'clock p.m., Representative Currie moved that the House do now adjourn until Wednesday, February 19, 2014, at 12:00 o'clock p.m., allowing perfunctory time for the Clerk.

The motion prevailed.  
And the House stood adjourned.

STATE OF ILLINOIS  
 NINETY-EIGHTH  
 GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
 HOUSE ROLL CALL  
 QUORUM ROLL CALL FOR ATTENDANCE

February 18, 2014

0 YEAS

0 NAYS

115 PRESENT

P Acevedo	P Drury	P Kifowit	P Sandack
P Andrade	P Dunkin	P Kosel	P Scherer
P Anthony	P Durkin	P Lang	P Schmitz
P Arroyo	P Evans	P Leitch	P Senger
P Beiser	P Farnham	P Lilly	P Sente
P Bellock	P Feigenholtz	P Manley	P Sims
P Berrios	P Fine	P Martwick	P Smiddy
P Bost	P Flowers	P Mautino	P Smith
P Bradley	P Ford	P Mayfield	P Sommer
P Brady	P Fortner	P McAsey	P Sosnowski
P Brauer	P Franks	P McAuliffe (ADDED)	P Soto
P Brown	P Gabel	P McSweeney	P Stewart
P Burke, Daniel	P Golar	P Meier	P Sullivan
P Burke, Kelly	P Gordon-Booth	P Mitchell, Bill	P Tabares
P Cabello	P Halbrook	A Mitchell, Christian	P Thapedi
P Cassidy	P Hammond	P Moffitt	P Tracy
P Cavaletto	P Harms	P Morrison (ADDED)	P Tryon
P Chapa LaVia	P Harris, David	P Moylan	P Turner
P Cloonen	P Harris, Greg	P Mussman	P Unes
P Conroy	P Hatcher	P Nekritz	P Verschoore
P Costello	P Hays	P Osmond	P Walsh
P Crespo	P Hernandez	P Phelps	E Welch
P Cross	P Hoffman	P Pihos	P Wheeler
P Currie	P Hurley	P Poe	P Williams
P D'Amico	P Ives	P Pritchard	P Willis
P Davidsmeyer	P Jackson	P Reboletti	A Yingling
P Davis, Monique	P Jakobsson	P Reis	P Zalewski
P Davis, William	P Jefferson	P Riley	P Mr. Speaker
P DeLuca	P Jones	P Rita	
P Demmer	P Kay	P Rosenthal	

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**96TH LEGISLATIVE DAY****Perfunctory Session****TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2014**

At the hour of 3:12 o'clock p.m., the House convened perfunctory session.

**REPORT FROM STANDING COMMITTEES**

Representative Daniel Burke, Chairperson, from the Committee on Executive to which the following were referred, action taken on February 18, 2014, reported the same back with the following recommendations:

That the bill be reported "do pass" and be placed on the order of Second Reading-- Short Debate: HOUSE BILLS 3768 and 4388.

That the bill be reported "do pass as amended" and be placed on the order of Second Reading-- Short Debate: HOUSE BILL 5017.

The committee roll call vote on House Bills 3768 and 5017 is as follows:  
11, Yeas; 0, Nays; 0, Answering Present.

Y Burke, Daniel(D), Chairperson	Y Rita(D), Vice-Chairperson
Y Sullivan(R), Republican Spokesperson	Y Acevedo(D)
Y Arroyo(D)	Y Berrios(D)
Y Farnham(D)	Y Jackson(D)
Y Kosel(R)	Y Sosnowski(R)
Y Tryon(R)	

The committee roll call vote on House Bill 4388 is as follows:  
10, Yeas; 1, Nay; 0, Answering Present.

Y Burke, Daniel(D), Chairperson	Y Rita(D), Vice-Chairperson
Y Sullivan(R), Republican Spokesperson	Y Acevedo(D)
Y Arroyo(D)	Y Berrios(D)
Y Farnham(D)	Y Jackson(D)
N Kosel(R)	Y Sosnowski(R)
Y Tryon(R)	

**HOUSE BILL ON SECOND READING**

Having been reproduced, the following bill was taken up, read by title a second time and held on the order of Second Reading: HOUSE BILL 5017.

**INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING OF BILLS**

The following bills were introduced, read by title a first time, ordered reproduced and placed in the Committee on Rules:

HOUSE BILL 5996. Introduced by Representative Franks, AN ACT concerning State government.

HOUSE BILL 5997. Introduced by Representative Hernandez, AN ACT concerning State government.

HOUSE BILL 5998. Introduced by Representative Hernandez, AN ACT concerning health.

HOUSE BILL 5999. Introduced by Representative Halbrook, AN ACT concerning local government.

HOUSE BILL 6000. Introduced by Representative Manley, AN ACT concerning criminal law, which may be referred to as Eric's Law.

HOUSE BILL 6001. Introduced by Representative Phelps, AN ACT concerning revenue.

HOUSE BILL 6002. Introduced by Representative Cassidy, AN ACT concerning safety.

HOUSE BILL 6003. Introduced by Representative Cassidy, AN ACT concerning safety.

### **HOUSE RESOLUTIONS**

The following resolutions were offered and placed in the Committee on Rules.

#### **HOUSE RESOLUTION 814**

Offered by Representative Brown:

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we urge the General Assembly to adopt a law similar to Virginia Code Title 18.2, Chapter 5, Section 18.2-85 to prohibit the possession of materials from which fire bombs, explosive materials, or devices can be made with the intent to manufacture fire bombs, explosive materials, or devices; prohibit the manufacture, transport, distribution, possession, or use of a fire bomb, explosive material, or device; and prohibit the construction, use, placement, sending, or causing to be sent a hoax explosive device with the intent to cause another to believe the device is a bomb or explosive; and be it further

RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be made available to the members of the General Assembly upon request.

#### **HOUSE RESOLUTION 816**

Offered by Representative Golar:

WHEREAS, The Chicago Teachers' Pension Fund serves 18% of the teachers in Illinois but receives less than 1% of State funding for teachers pensions; and

WHEREAS, For every dollar allocated to downstate and suburban pensions, Chicago teachers receive less than a penny; and

WHEREAS, Chicago's taxpayers bear a double burden, funding the Teachers' Retirement System of Illinois and its own system, the Chicago Teachers' Pension Fund, without equal benefit; and

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Public Act 89-0015, the Illinois General Assembly agreed that each fiscal year it would make a contribution to the Chicago Teachers' Pension Fund in an amount equal to 20-30% of the contribution the State makes in that fiscal year to the Teachers' Retirement System of Illinois; and

WHEREAS, In an attempt to mitigate the potential for underfunding the Chicago Teachers' Pension Fund in the future, Public Act 89-0015 required the State to use its best efforts to make enhanced contributions to the Chicago Teachers' Pension Fund when its funded ratio dropped below 90%; and

WHEREAS, The Chicago Teachers' Pension Fund Board of Trustees, which is comprised of contributors, annuitants, administrators, and Board of Education appointees who serve in a fiduciary capacity on the board, supports enhanced funding for the Chicago Teachers' Pension Fund; and

WHEREAS, Jay Rehak, Lois Ashford, Raymond Wohl, Jeffrey Blackwell, Tina Padilla, Bernie Eshoo, Walter Pilditch, Mary Sharon Reilly, Robert Bures, Jerry Travlos, Dr. Carols Azcoitia, and Andrea Zopp support full funding for the Chicago Teachers' Pension Fund and urge the State of Illinois to fulfill its promise to fund pensions for Chicago teachers; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that it is the sense of this House that the Illinois General Assembly must make annual contributions to the Chicago Teachers' Pension Fund in an amount equal to 20-30% of the amount of the annual State contribution to the Teachers' Retirement System of Illinois.

#### HOUSE RESOLUTION 823

Offered by Representative Pihos:

WHEREAS, The Auditor General audits State agencies on a regular basis, publishes the audit findings, and makes these findings available on the Auditor General's website; and

WHEREAS, Each agency is required to submit the most recent audit in its budget submissions to each caucus' appropriations staff; and

WHEREAS, The "budgeting for results" process was established to set standards and goals for agencies to achieve; and

WHEREAS, Audit findings are an indicator as to how an agency is performing, as well as if the agency is properly utilizing the appropriations granted by the General Assembly; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we urge all of the appropriation committees of the Illinois House of Representatives to take audit findings into consideration during the budgeting process; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be delivered to the chairpersons and spokespersons of each of the House appropriations committees.

#### HOUSE RESOLUTION 824

Offered by Representative Pihos:

WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives wish to encourage schools to educate youth on the dangers of heroin; and

WHEREAS, Heroin is one of the most dangerous and addictive substances and its surge in use among teenagers demands immediate action; and

WHEREAS, According to the Centers for Disease Control, deaths from drug overdose, especially from heroin, have been rising steadily over the past 2 decades and have become the leading cause of injury and death in the United States, especially in rural areas; and

WHEREAS, The number of people who say they have used heroin in the last year has jumped 53.5% from 2002 to 2011; and

WHEREAS, Drug overdose death rates have been rising steadily since 1992, with a 102% increase from 1999 to 2010 alone; and

WHEREAS, Every day in the United States, 105 people die as a results of drug overdose; another 6,748 people are treated in emergency departments for the misuse or abuse of drugs; and

WHEREAS, According to "Heroin Use in Illinois: A Ten-year Multiple Indicator Analysis", the Chicago metropolitan area was ranked among the worst nationally for heroin-related problems, including ranking first in the number of individuals admitted to the emergency room for heroin abuse and first in percentage of arrests testing positive for heroin; and

WHEREAS, The study found a large increase in deaths from heroin overdoses in the collar counties, including a 130% increase in Lake County from 2000 to 2009, a 150% increase in McHenry County in a 3-year period, a doubling of heroin related deaths in Will County in a period of 2 years, and a total of 78 heroin-related deaths in DuPage County over a 3-year period, indicating that heroin remains a problem in DuPage County; and

WHEREAS, The study also found the increase in suburban heroin abuse has resulted from increased heroin use among teens, including a 27% increase in suburban Cook County and a 46% increase in the collar counties; and

WHEREAS, In 2008, over 100 individuals in the Chicago Metropolitan Area under the age of 35 died from a heroin overdose; and

WHEREAS, Heroin has become the second most common drug after alcohol and the most common illegal substance for which individuals enter treatment in Illinois, compared to the fourth most common reason Illinoisans entered publicly-funded treatment in 1998; and

WHEREAS, Heroin abuse destroys lives and tears entire communities apart; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we urge all schools in the State of Illinois to educate youth about the dangers associated with the use of heroin and the escalating numbers of accidental deaths due to heroin overdoses; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we state the opinion that comprehensive drug education programs, including the Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) program, serve as valuable tools in presenting the facts and dangers related to heroin use to Illinois youth; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we encourage schools to especially encourage awareness on Illinois Heroin Abuse Awareness Day on November 4, 2014.

#### HOUSE RESOLUTION 825

Offered by Representative Hatcher:

WHEREAS, On March 26, 2014, Governor Pat Quinn will address the Illinois General Assembly to outline his proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2015 and a 5-year spending blueprint; and

WHEREAS, The Illinois General Assembly is tasked with the responsibility of working with the Governor to craft a budget for the upcoming fiscal year that meets the needs of the people of the State of Illinois, while also living within the means of tax revenue collected by the State; and

WHEREAS, The State of Illinois has a long and proud history of supporting Illinois veterans through various education and health care programs and assisting veterans that are returning to civilian life; and

WHEREAS, The effects of the current economy have left many Illinois veterans with undue hardship and challenges with financial and medical issues; and

WHEREAS, Illinois veterans have sacrificed greatly on behalf of this State and nation to preserve and defend our way of life; and

WHEREAS, It is our responsibility as a State to provide the best possible care to our State's veterans in any way we can; and

WHEREAS, The Illinois Department of Veterans' Affairs currently operates 4 Illinois Veterans' Homes in Anna, LaSalle, Manteno, and Quincy that are fully staffed with caring and dedicated professionals who provide quality long-term care to resident members; and

WHEREAS, The Illinois General Assembly and the Governor will be crafting a budget that will include the possibility of the expiration of the 2011 income tax increase, which will result in the State having to make serious budget decisions in order to maintain fiscal responsibility; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we urge the Governor and General Assembly to maintain current funding levels to the Illinois Department of Veterans' Affairs for the continued operation of the 4 Illinois Veterans Homes; and be it further

RESOLVED, That this resolution be referred to as "The Illinois Veterans Home Protection Resolution"; and be it further

RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be delivered to the Governor and all legislative leaders of the General Assembly.

#### HOUSE RESOLUTION 826

Offered by Representative Gabel:

WHEREAS, Research-based prevention and wellness promotion efforts that strengthen positive parenting practices and enhance a child's resilience in the face of adversity have been shown to have a significant impact on the child's mental and physical health and their educational outcomes; and

WHEREAS, The Center for Disease Control defines positive parenting skills as good communication, appropriate discipline, and responding to children's physical and emotional needs; and

WHEREAS, Studies in the last decade point to the wisdom and efficacy of prevention and early intervention; well-designed programs created to promote healthy cognitive, emotional, and social development can improve the prospects and the quality of life of many children; and

WHEREAS, Evidence-based parenting programs have been shown to provide critical information on child development and safety, promote positive parenting behaviors, teach effective discipline strategies, alter negative family patterns, and reduce levels of child abuse and neglect; and

WHEREAS, Positive parenting practices are directly linked to adaptive behaviors in children and can buffer negative outcomes, even among at-risk families; and

WHEREAS, While positive parenting strategies can promote adjustment and achievement, child abuse and neglect can interrupt healthy development in children and lead to maladaptive functioning; and

WHEREAS, Child abuse and neglect is a serious public health problem that costs the United States \$103 billion annually; these costs include \$33 billion in direct costs for foster care services, hospitalization, mental health treatment, and law enforcement and \$70 billion for indirect costs, such as loss of productivity, chronic health problems, and special education; and

WHEREAS, Research shows an association between child maltreatment and a broad range of social problems, including substance abuse, violence, criminal behavior, teenage pregnancy, anxiety, sexually transmitted diseases, smoking, obesity, and diabetes; and

WHEREAS, Nobel prize-winning economist James J. Heckman and others have shown that for every dollar devoted to the nurturing of young children, we can mitigate the need for far greater government spending on remedial education, teenage pregnancy, and prison incarceration; and

WHEREAS, By almost any statistical measure, children in the United States today are losing ground compared to the recent past; the educational performance of American children is lower and does not compare well with many other developed nations; the general health of American children has grown worse, as shown in the incidence and increased prevalence of obesity, juvenile diabetes, and other disorders and diseases; more American children as exhibiting troubling and violent behavior, resulting in increases in children being expelled from pre-school, elementary school, and high school, and approximately 40% of children are dropping out of high school; children and youth homicide rates are also on the rise throughout the nation; and

WHEREAS, Researchers have found that, left untreated, the effects of child abuse and neglect can profoundly influence victims' physical and mental health, their ability to control emotions and impulses, their achievement in school, and the relationships they form as children and as adults; and

WHEREAS, In the first major study of child abuse and neglect in 20 years, researchers with the National Academy of Sciences reported that the damaging consequences of abuse can reshape a child's brain, resulting in consequences that last throughout their lives; abuse and neglect can influence the amygdala, the part of the brain that regulates emotions, particularly fear and anxiety; abuse also has been shown to change the functioning of the prefrontal cortex, the part of the brain responsible for thinking, planning, reasoning, and decision making, which can lead to behavioral and academic problems; and

WHEREAS, The effects of abuse on a child's brain and behavioral development are not static and can be reduced with high-quality, sustained intervention; the negative changes present in a child's brain can be countered by positive brain changes that take place when the abuse ends and the child is given the support he or she requires; parenting education is an important way to address mental illness before it results in negative outcomes for children and families; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we state our belief that human services, healthcare, education and justice authorities on the federal, State, and local levels must include parenting education and early childhood education funding in their budgets in order to combat this growing menace; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we state our belief that access to universal, high-quality, and research-based parenting education will equip parents with skills that can help them to do the most important job they will ever have: raising confident, well-adjusted, and productive members of society; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we urge the State Board of Education to identify potential federal grants for states that can be used for parenting programs and early care and education programs; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we urge the State Board of Education to require early care and education programs and to require elementary, middle, and high schools to have family engagement policies and procedures in place that welcome and involve families in meaningful partnerships focused on children's learning; programs should seek to include a high-quality parenting education component, as well as to reduce barriers to family engagement and offer diverse opportunities and pathways for families to be involved in programs that enable them to be successful partners in their child's education; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we urge the State Board of Education to consider the potential benefits of requiring a course in parenting education as a prerequisite for high school graduation; and be it further

RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be delivered to the State Board of Education.

#### HOUSE RESOLUTION 832

Offered by Representative Dunkin:

WHEREAS, The federal Higher Education Opportunity Act and the Illinois Transparency in College Textbook Publishing Practices Act are laws that provide for transparency and ready availability of textbook and course material pricing and sales information and the unbundling of course materials; and

WHEREAS, Publishers have increased the availability of affordable options by producing unbundled, black and white, unbound, and electronic versions of textbooks and course materials; and

WHEREAS, Campus bookstores, both online and in-store, have increased the availability of lower cost alternatives for students by offering students choices between bundled products and components, print or digital formats, and choices in purchase versus rental; and

WHEREAS, Campus bookstores prominently display format and pricing options via shelf tags and other point of purchase materials to students in store and online; and

WHEREAS, While these alternative options, which offer more variety in pricing and can be more affordable to students and meet their specific needs or learning styles, are available for students, more education and outreach is needed to ensure students are fully aware of these options; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we encourage the Illinois Board of Higher Education, the Illinois Board of Higher Education Student Advisory Committee, and other student leaders, college officials, faculty, college bookstores, and publishers to discuss ways that college students may be better informed of these different textbook options and how access to them can be increased, without adversely impacting any existing textbook rental or already established access or affordability programs available to Illinois students; and be it further

RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be delivered to the Governor and to each member of the Illinois General Assembly.

#### HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 71

Offered by Representative Morrison:

WHEREAS, On February 10, 1954, Senator Homer Ferguson of Michigan introduced a bill in the United States Congress to amend the Pledge of Allegiance by adding the words "under God" to the text of the pledge; and

WHEREAS, February 10, 1954 was chosen as the date to introduce the bill by Senator Ferguson to recognize the five-year anniversary of the imprisonment of Cardinal Joseph Mindszenty of Hungary, who was imprisoned and tortured by Communists for his sermons exposing the goal of communism to eradicate all religion; and

WHEREAS, Speeches were delivered in Congress by members of both political parties honoring Cardinal Mindszenty and emphasizing the threat posed to America by communism; and

WHEREAS, Upon introduction of the bill, Senator Ferguson commented, "I believe this modification of the pledge is important because it highlights one of the real fundamental differences between the free world and the Communist world, namely, belief in God"; he continued with, "Our nation is founded on a fundamental belief in God, and the first and most important reason for the existence of our government is to protect the God-given rights of our citizens. Spiritual values are every bit as important to the defense and safety of our nation as are military and economic values."; and

WHEREAS, The vote to add "under God" to the United States Pledge of Allegiance was a unanimous vote; and

WHEREAS, On February 7, 1954, President Dwight D. Eisenhower became convinced that adding the words "under God" to the United States Pledge of Allegiance would be the right thing to do after hearing Reverend George Docherty preach that the phrase "nation under God" was first used in the Gettysburg

Address and that the words were appropriate to be added to the United States Pledge of Allegiance because freedom "is defined by a fundamental belief in God"; and

WHEREAS, The first time the United States Pledge of Allegiance was recited was on Flag Day, June 14, 1954; and

WHEREAS, It is the policy of the members of the General Assembly to recognize and honor such an important date, which strengthens the ties of history that bind us to our Christian heritage; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that we recognize February 10, 1954 as the anniversary of the addition of the words "under God" to the United States Pledge of Allegiance; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the members of this body are urged to reflect upon the importance of the words "under God" each time it is recited within the chambers.

#### HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 72

Offered by Representative Moffitt:

WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois General Assembly are continuously looking for ways to improve the quality of mass transit and help its citizens move about the State more efficiently; and

WHEREAS, Establishing an East-West passenger rail corridor in the State of Illinois would improve access to nearly a dozen universities and community colleges and nearly a half-dozen private colleges; and

WHEREAS, A passenger rail connection between the Quad Cities campus of Western Illinois University and the Macomb campus would greatly improve the efficiency of intercampus service by staff and access by students; and

WHEREAS, An East-West passenger rail corridor would provide citizens across Illinois better, quicker, and easier access to the high-speed railroad corridor from Chicago to St. Louis; and

WHEREAS, An East-West passenger rail corridor from the Moline/Rock Island area to Danville, via Galesburg, Peoria, Bloomington-Normal, and Champaign-Urbana, could be constructed using existing railroad lines; and

WHEREAS, An East-West passenger rail corridor would contribute to further economic development including increased mobility for workers across the State; and

WHEREAS, An East-West passenger rail corridor would help reduce highway congestion, improve quality of life, and reduce air pollution; and

WHEREAS, An East-West passenger rail corridor is in the best interest of national security, should large numbers of people need to be moved quickly due to a natural disaster or an act of aggression; rail service would be the most reliable, available, and efficient means of transport; and

WHEREAS, An East-West passenger rail corridor from Moline/Rock Island to Danville would provide a connection between all 3 existing North-South railroad corridors; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that we support the development of an East-West passenger rail corridor in the State; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be presented to the Secretary of the Illinois Department of Transportation, Ann L. Schneider.

#### HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 73

Offered by Representative Bradley:

WHEREAS, It is appropriate for the members of this body to remember the many sacrifices and contributions to the cause of freedom made by the outstanding generation of men and women who served in World War II; and

WHEREAS, United States Army Private George Allan Jones was born on September 29, 1925 in Mulkeytown; he was the son of the late Burl and Fannie Jones; and

WHEREAS, Private George Jones was a member of the United States Army, serving in the European theatre with Company A, 329th Infantry Regiment of the 83rd Infantry Division; and

WHEREAS, Private George Jones gave his life defending America's freedom on August 8, 1944 near St. Malo in France; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that we designate the portion of Illinois Highway 184 from Mulkeytown to Royalton as the Private George Allan Jones Memorial Highway to honor the sacrifice of Private George Jones and all who served during World War II; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Illinois Department of Transportation is requested to erect at suitable locations, consistent with State and federal regulations, appropriate plaques or signs giving notice of the name of the Private George Allan Jones Memorial Highway; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be delivered to the Secretary of the Illinois Department of Transportation.

#### HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 74

Offered by Representative Meier:

WHEREAS, It is important to recognize those who contributed to the betterment of the State of Illinois through public service; and

WHEREAS, Tim Jansen was born on February 3, 1967 in Breese; his parents were Marjorie "Margie" (nee Gebke) Jansen and Paul Jansen; he married Brenda Kluemke on January 28, 1995 at St. Cecilia Catholic Church in Bartelso; and

WHEREAS, Tim Jansen was the owner and operator of MacJenna's Restaurant in Bartelso; and

WHEREAS, Tim Jansen was a member of St. Cecilia Catholic Church in Bartelso; he was also a 15-year veteran of the Santa Fe Fire Protection District in Bartelso, Bartelso Knights of Columbus Council 4745, and the 7 Levee Club in Bartelso; and

WHEREAS, Tim Jansen was an avid deer hunter and loved spending time with his family and friends on the river and at the clubhouse; and

WHEREAS, Tim Jansen gave his life in the line of duty while fighting a fire; and

WHEREAS, Tim Jansen was preceded in death by his father; his mother-in-law, Bernadette (nee Varel) Kluemke; his dear uncle, Fr. James Jansen; and his many aunts and uncles; and

WHEREAS, Tim Jansen is survived by his wife, Brenda; his daughters, Mackenna and Jenna Jansen; his siblings, Tony (Brenda) Jansen, Lynn (Louie) Loepker, Jeff (Sonja) Jansen, Joe (Sandy) Jansen, and Theresa (Jim) Ghormley; his father-in-law, Gerhard Kluemke; his sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law, Karen (Linus) Ripperda, Brian (Sam) Kluemke, Craig (Tanya) Kluemke, and Danny (Shelly) Kluemke; and his many nieces and nephews; and

WHEREAS, Governor Pat Quinn ordered flags in the State of Illinois to fly at half-staff from December 4-6, 2012 to honor the sacrifice of Tim Jansen; and

WHEREAS, Tim Jansen was added to the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial on the National Fire Academy in Emmitsburg, Maryland and the Illinois Fallen Firefighter Memorial; he was also honored at the annual Illinois Fallen Firefighter Memorial and Firefighter Medal of Honor Awards Ceremony on May 9, 2013; and

WHEREAS, It is highly fitting that the Illinois General Assembly pays honor and respect to individuals who gave their lives in the service of the State of Illinois; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that we designate the section of Illinois Route 161 between the intersection of Hanover Street in Germantown and the intersection of South B Street in Bartelso as the Firefighter Tim Jansen Memorial Highway; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Illinois Department of Transportation is requested to erect at suitable locations, consistent with State and federal regulations, appropriate plaques or signs giving notice of the name of the Firefighter Tim Jansen Memorial Highway; and be it further

RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be presented to the family of Tim Jansen, the Santa Fe Volunteer Fire Department, the Mayors of Bartelso and Germantown, and the Secretary of the Illinois Department of Transportation.

## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 75

Offered by Representative Tryon:

WHEREAS, On June 12, 2010, Governor Pat Quinn signed the Veterans and Servicemembers Court Treatment Act into law; the Act allows counties in Illinois to create a Veterans and Servicemembers Court Program or Veterans' Treatment Courts for military veterans charged with non-violent crimes; and

WHEREAS, Currently, Cook, DuPage, Lake, Madison, Peoria, Will, Winnebago, and several other counties have Veterans' Treatment Courts to assist veterans with substance abuse and other related problems; and

WHEREAS, Many returning veterans suffer from Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder, traumatic brain injuries, substance abuse, and other service-related disabilities; and

WHEREAS, Veterans' Treatment Courts are used as an alternative venue to the regular criminal justice system for non-violent criminal offenses; the courts connect veterans with specialized treatment and counseling programs to assist them with transitioning to life after their military service; and

WHEREAS, Veterans' Treatment Courts require regular court appearances in addition to mandatory attendance at treatment sessions for substance abuse as well as random testing for substance use; and

WHEREAS, Upon successful completion of the program, the charges against the veteran may be dismissed; and

WHEREAS, Veterans' Treatment Courts are in a unique position to link veterans with additional services and resources available to them; therefore, be it

**RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN,** that we encourage the creation of Veterans and Servicemembers Treatment Courts in all counties in the State of Illinois; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That we urge counties that currently have successful programs to work with other counties to help create successful programs and provide assistance in implementation to better serve our veterans in every county; and be it further

**RESOLVED,** That suitable copies of this resolution be presented to the County Board Chair or President of all 102 Illinois counties.

## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 76

Offered by Representative Currie:

**BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN,** that the two Houses shall convene in Joint Session on Wednesday, March 26, 2014 at the hour of 12:00 o'clock noon for the purpose of hearing his Excellency Governor Patrick J. Quinn present to the General Assembly his Budget Message for the Fiscal Year 2015, as required by Chapter 15, Section 20/50-5 of the Illinois Compiled Statutes.

## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 77

Offered by Representative Hernandez:

WHEREAS, Recent data indicates that Latinos represent about 4% of individuals in the Prioritization for Urgency of Need for Services (PUNS) list of residents who have been screened and waiting for services relating to their disabilities; and

WHEREAS, Latinos make up 16% of the general population in the State of Illinois and 25% of the children under 18 in the State; and

WHEREAS, The disparity between the State's Latino population and Latino membership in the PUNS program indicates significant barriers and unmet needs for services in the Latino community; and

WHEREAS, There exists a great need for further study of the State's policies concerning Latinos with disabilities; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that the Latinos with Disabilities Task Force is created to examine the current status of Latinos with Disabilities in the State of Illinois and to advise the General Assembly and the Governor on necessary improvements; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall:

(1) compile information regarding Latinos with disabilities in the State of Illinois, including but not limited to incidence, prevalence, type of disability, access to services, participation in programming, and outcome data;

(2) consider any other available and relevant information on Latinos with disabilities in Illinois, including but not limited community feedback, survey, or Census data;

(3) assess the responsiveness of the current and evolving delivery system of services for persons with disabilities in the Latino community, including barriers to participation;

(4) assess current health and human services system reform efforts; and

(5) identify and recommend specific best-practices and changes at the policy, structural, and programmatic level that can facilitate equitable Latino participation; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall be composed of the following members:

(1) 3 members appointed by the Governor who are persons with developmental disabilities or their immediate relatives or guardians;

(2) 3 members appointed by the Governor who are representatives of advocate organizations which are concerned with protecting the rights of persons with developmental disabilities;

(3) 6 members appointed by the Governor who are representatives of provider agencies or research organizations; and

(4) One member appointed by the Secretary of the Illinois Department of Human Services as a representative of that office; and be it further

RESOLVED, That all members of the Task Force appointed by the Governor are to be appointed upon the recommendation of the Illinois Legislative Latino Caucus and the Illinois Latino Family Commission; the members of the Task Force shall elect a chairperson from among their membership; and be it further

RESOLVED, That members of the Task Force shall serve without compensation but shall be reimbursed for their reasonable and necessary expenses from funds appropriated for that purpose; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall receive administrative support from the Illinois Latino Family Commission and the Illinois Department of Human Services; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall submit its final report and recommendations to the Governor and General Assembly no later than January 1, 2016.

#### HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 78

Offered by Representative Tracy:

WHEREAS, Use of the most efficient and environmentally friendly means of transportation leads to economic growth and positions the State of Illinois to successfully compete in a global marketplace; and

WHEREAS, Practical, science-based solutions that preserve waterborne commerce between the Great Lakes and the Mississippi River system is critical to our State; and

WHEREAS, The United States saves an estimated \$200 million in air pollution abatements by moving bulk commodities by barge on the Upper Mississippi River System; and

WHEREAS, Commodity transportation diversions away from these river systems can increase delays at railroad crossings, amplify congestion on highways, and deteriorate State roadways; and

WHEREAS, Opening the expanded locks in the Panama Canal by 2016 will dramatically affect the United States and global trade patterns; and

WHEREAS, The State of Illinois is one of our nation's key agricultural states; one acre of corn can produce enough kilocalories to feed 10 people for an entire year and our Upper Mississippi and Illinois River levees protect over 750,000 acres of prime farm land; and

WHEREAS, Sixty percent of the grain exported from the United States travels part of its journey by barge on inland waterways; trade growth on the Mississippi River is projected to increase by 40% over the next 20 years; and

WHEREAS, One 15-barge tow can move 787,500 bushels of grain, equal to 870 semi-truck loads or two 100-unit trains, barges can also accommodate product that is too heavy or too large to be handled by other modes of transport; and

WHEREAS, The State of Illinois encompasses more miles of rivers and levee systems than any other state; in its Comprehensive Plan, the Illinois Department of Transportation has recognized the importance of barge transportation on inland waterways as a critical part of the Illinois freight transportation system; and

WHEREAS, The Governor has recognized the importance of Illinois' waterways as a critical part of the freight transportation system by the formation of a multi-department Illinois Interagency Port Working Group; and

WHEREAS, The majority of levees along the Upper Mississippi and Illinois River are classified as federal levees with operation and maintenance provided by the local drainage and levee district sponsors as political subdivisions of the State; these levees provide the sideboard for our navigation channel that helps create our waterway system; and

WHEREAS, The federal levees in this State are seeing changes to both safety and performance standards under the discretion of the United States Army Corps of Engineers' new Levee Safety Classification, which is causing increased costs to the local sponsors; and

WHEREAS, Illinois levees along the Upper Mississippi and Illinois River protect many acres of prime farmland, 13 Illinois river ports, 18 Mississippi river ports, 139 miles of United States Highways and Interstates, 770 miles of railroads, 7,300 acres of State Conservation Areas, 4,100 acres of State Parks, and 4,000 acres of State Fish and Wildlife areas; and

WHEREAS, According to the Upper Mississippi River Comprehensive Plan, the United States Army Corps of Engineers, and a Tennessee Valley Authority study, improving our flood control system in Illinois can return 5 dollars for every one dollar invested in Regional Economic Development; and

WHEREAS, Effective flood control infrastructure and management are critical to commercial navigation on these inland waterways; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that we support the United States Department of Transportation's designation of the M-35 from St. Louis, Missouri to St. Paul, Minnesota and the M-55 from Chicago via St. Louis, Missouri to New Orleans, Louisiana as Marine Highway Corridors; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we encourage support for the local drainage sponsors and the United States Army Corps of Engineers' Upper Mississippi River Comprehensive Plan, as approved by the Mississippi River Commission, for systemic flood control planning and implementation; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the members of this body pledge to take steps to streamline the State Levee Permitting process to encourage and facilitate both flood control and navigation improvements to Illinois levee systems.

At the hour of 3:14 o'clock p.m., the House Perfunctory Session adjourned.